

Adams, Adam

From: Adams, Adam
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 3:42 PM
To: Ortiz, Diana; Albright, Glodine; Patrick, Dwayne; Josiam, Raji; Brown, Cynthia; Quinones, Edwin
Cc: R6 6SF FOIA Info; R6 6SF FOIA Team
Subject: INITIAL RESEARCH: FOIA # EPA-R6-2014-004764 - U.S. Oil Recovery - SSID # A6X7

This email chain is the correspondence regarding the local health complaint. I'll send more in a few.
Adam

From: Adams, Adam
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 12:00 PM
To: Broyles, Ragan
Cc: Webster, Susan; Josiam, Raji; Quinones, Edwin
Subject: RE: US Oil Recovery

Site attorney is in the loop. I don't believe the RA/DRA has had any involvement/communications as of yet.

The citizen contacted me over Thanksgiving break and also left a message for Harris County. Mr. Owens (Harris County legal) contacted Carl (will send communication email to you right after this).

When she contacted me over thanksgiving break, she was concerned about the health impacts from exposure to the bayou. Her family member had jumped in the bayou to save her child over Easter of 2010. And the family member has lost an eye and may lose the second one. When she asked me if she needed to get an attorney and come after EPA (and me), I explained that I'm not a health professional, that my job was to respond to the incident in July 2010 and prevent any further off-site impacts. That we've monitored the site directly or with our counterparts (TCEQ and Harris County) and with the PRP contractor to make sure there's no further offsite impacts since July 2010. She expressed concern about the settlement between Gennzler and Harris County and when she was getting hers. I told her that EPA has nothing to do with that settlement. I told her I'd share her information with TDH and DSHS, and they'd get in touch with her to get the details about the health issues. She was glad for that.

Since the call to me and to Harris County, DSHS contacted this citizen and answered health questions. Then he notified RPM and myself that she had operations questions. I contacted her this morning.

When I mentioned there have been personnel conducting daily sludge operations since October, she (and another person on the line with her) indicated I was not being truthful. I explained the daily operations are at the USOR property (b) (6), and that she is possibly thinking about the MCC property, which does not have daily operations on-going. I mentioned that DSHS mentioned that she had some questions about the operations and that was what I was calling to provide information about. She said "he didn't help, that guy from Austin. He just told us..." (I didn't catch the rest of that sentence). She's expressed concern about neighborhood pets dying, and health issues of the residents in her neighborhood. When asked if she had any specific questions, it's possible she hung up on me.

TDH went around the area and spoke to the residents last year prior to a December meeting with EPA OSC, RPM, TDH, and PRP contractor regarding site operations. EPA has sent out some factsheets, but not had a community meeting.

Adam



From: Broyles, Ragan
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 11:21 AM
To: Adams, Adam
Cc: Webster, Susan
Subject: RE: US Oil Recovery

Thanks. Please give me a quick summary of the activities resulting in the call to Carl. Has this involved the RA/DRA? Is the site attorney involved?

From: Adams, Adam
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 11:14 AM
To: Webster, Susan; Petersen, Chris; Broyles, Ragan
Subject: Fw: US Oil Recovery

FYI.

From: Josiam, Raji
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 10:56:04 AM
To: Meyer, John; Faultry, Charles; Sanchez, Carlos
Cc: Adams, Adam; Harper, Stephen; Walters, Donn
Subject: FW: US Oil Recovery

John, Charles, Carlos

This is a follow-up to Adam's conversation with (b) (6) Thanksgiving week. See emails below. Here is a summary....

- Dec 12: Tom Ellerbee (DSHS) calls the number given for (b) (6) and talks to (b) (6). (b) (6) has health concerns and asked about the status of the site
- Dec 13: Adam Adams calls (b) (6) and she wasn't interested in knowing about the status of cleanup of the site. Either the call was lost or the phone was hung-up.

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From: Adams, Adam
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 10:36 AM
To: Ellerbee, Tom (DSHS); Josiam, Raji
Cc: Bradford, Carrie (DSHS)
Subject: RE: US Oil Recovery

Just spoke with her and another person in her home. She didn't really want to talk about the status of the cleanup. Not sure if she hung up on me or if the connection was just lost when I asked if she had any questions about the operations of the Site.

Adam

From: Ellerbee, Tom (DSHS) [<mailto:Tom.Ellerbee@dshs.state.tx.us>]
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2013 2:29 PM
To: Josiam, Raji; Adams, Adam
Cc: Bradford, Carrie (DSHS)
Subject: RE: US Oil Recovery

Raji & Adam:

I just spoke with (b) (6) in regards to the email below. She lives at (b) (6). She had some health concerns which I answered.

Ms. (b) (6) asked about the status of the cleanup at the US Oil Recovery site.

Please contact her at (b) (6).

Thanks,

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From: Adams, Adam [<mailto:Adams.Adam@epa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2013 4:37 PM
To: Bradford, Carrie (DSHS)
Cc: Josiam, Raji; Young, Patrick
Subject: Re: US Oil Recovery

Ms Bradford,
Just got off phone with (b) (6). Lives (b) (6). Her number is (b) (6), reports health problems from being in the bayou in 2004 and mothers day 2010. She indicated she or her family member lost an eye resulting from being in the bayou, and that the doctor indicated it was from "toxins from the USOR facility."

Adam

From: Bradford, Carrie (DSHS) [<mailto:Carrie.Bradford@dshs.state.tx.us>]
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2013 11:55 AM
To: Josiam, Raji; Adams, Adam
Cc: Bojes, Heidi (DSHS); Ellerbee, Tom (DSHS)
Subject: RE: US Oil Recovery

Thank you Raji

Adam –

Could you please provide all the environmental data that is available for the US Oil Recovery site, as well as information on current activities?

We typically use all the data available for a site in our health assessments. For some sites it is pretty extensive with Preliminary Assessments, Site Inspections, Expanded Site Inspections, while others have very little data. I'm not sure what all has been done at US Oil, so if you could provide that information, I would really appreciate it.

Thanks, Carrie

Carrie M. Bradford, PhD

From: Josiam, Raji [<mailto:josiam.rajii@epa.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2013 11:31 AM

To: Adams, Adam

Cc: Bradford, Carrie (DSHS); Bojes, Heidi (DSHS); Ellerbee, Tom (DSHS)

Subject: RE: US Oil Recovery

Adam

I just spoke with Carrie with DSHS (see email below) and she wanted data from the Site and I thought it would be best if the two of you connected, instead of me being in the middle, so she gets data she is looking for the Public Health Assessment for the Site.

Carrie

Please contact Adam Adams (he is the On Scene Coordinator for USOR) and he should be able to get you site data you are looking for. His number is 214-665-2779.

Thanks.

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From: Bradford, Carrie (DSHS) [<mailto:Carrie.Bradford@dshs.state.tx.us>]

Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2013 9:44 AM

To: Josiam, Raji

Cc: Bojes, Heidi (DSHS); Ellerbee, Tom (DSHS)

Subject: US Oil Recovery

Hi Raji -

I am in the Health Assessment program with Tina Walker and David Rivera. Amanda Kindt is no longer with DSHS. I was wondering if you could send me a listing of the data available for review for the US Oil Recovery Site, as well as the actual data, preferably in excel. We are working on completing the Public Health Assessment for this site.

Thanks,

Carrie M. Bradford, PhD

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